

IN THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

ORDER

Re: **In re Dalton Deandre Jackson Minor**

Docket No. **281594**

L.C. No. **2004-056305-NA**

William C. Whitbeck, Chief Judge, acting under MCR 7.203(F)(1) and 7.216(A)(10), orders:

The claim of appeal filed on behalf of Dalton Jackson is DISMISSED for lack of jurisdiction because appellant failed to request an attorney within the required 14-day period as required by MCR 7.204(A)(1). MCR 3.977(I)(1) requires the trial court immediately after entry of the order to “advise the respondent parent orally or in writing” of the parent’s appellate rights including that counsel must be requested within 14 days. According to the register of actions there is an entry for October 4, 2007, of “advice of rights after order terminating parental rights.” Therefore, a request for counsel of October 23, 2007, would be untimely since it is 19 days after October 4, 2007. The 14-day request period did not start when trial counsel sent a letter to the parent.



A true copy entered and certified by Sandra Schultz Mengel, Chief Clerk, on

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Chief Clerk